

WHAT IS WRIGHT—A TRIBUTE TO
AN AMERICAN HERO, LANCE
CORPORAL RANDAL WRIGHT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. WALT MINNICK

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. MINNICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American Hero from my state of Idaho, Lance Corporal Randal Wright of Cottonwood, Idaho, of the 1–2 Marine Division. On May 23, 2010, Corporal Wright almost lost his life in an I.A.D. explosion that took his two fine legs and arm. Against all odds he survived, and now courageously goes forward with his new battle to rebuild his life. His faith and his courage is a lesson to us all, about to what heights a heart can soar. In less than three months, Randal has come so far, so fast in his recovery. On Friday July 23, Randal plans to marry the love of his life, Vanessa Hylton. In honor of his courage, and selfless sacrifice, and his family and the upcoming wedding on this Friday, I submit this poem penned in honor of them by Albert Carey Caswell for the RECORD. And may they have a wonderful life together.

WHAT IS WRIGHT

What Is Wright?
What is bold? What is bright?
To fight the darkness, for hearts to hold . . .
to bring the light!
Who evil must fight!
And what is true, to make all hearts believe
in . . . ignite!
Is but a man who will go off to war, all for
his country such burdens bore . . .
Who'll walk through the valley of death, all
for our nation to so bless . . .
A man who wears the uniform, of a United
States Marine so very warm . . .
What Is Wright?
Are all of these magnificent's, who evil must
fight!
Is but a heart, that will bring its light!
For in that moment Randal, when you
looked down. . . .
And saw, all of what you had lost . . . that
you had found!
How easily you could have given up, let
down!
As the tears, broke upon your fine face so
now . . .
As when Marine, your fine heart began to
pound!
And told you, that you have to cover some
ground. . . .
For you have a life to live!
So much more to give!
To Beseech Us! To So Teach Us! To So Reach
Us!
As you Marine, do so now!
For all in this world of darkness,
and wrong. . . .
Your fine life Randal, is but a bright light
. . . a song!
Of what is Wright, to take with us into those
darkest of all nights . . . so now!
To lead the way, but with your light!
Of, all on God's green earth . . . of what is
Wright!
And if ever I but have a son. . . .
May he shine Randal, as bright as you fine
one!
Of What Is Wright!
Thy will be done!

CONGRESS SHOULD SUPPORT
ETHANOL

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, Members of Congress are working to remedy the current economic imbalance, immense unemployment, job creation and both domestic and international energy based issues. As we look to the future; we must confront the many dimensions of these complex challenges to create solutions that will have a lasting positive benefit for America. I believe investing in renewable energy sources, including ethanol, is an efficient and effective economic stimulus. Ethanol serves as an aid to meet energy policy goals by promoting domestic production of renewable energy, reducing green house gas emissions and providing financial support for the agriculture sector.

Nationwide, ethanol has increased tax revenues for both State and local governments by over \$5 billion. Ethanol production and use today reduces green house gas emissions compared to gasoline by 59 percent. According to the Congressional Budget Office report as of this July, Argonne National Lab concluded corn based ethanol produced 20 percent less green house gas emissions in its life cycle compared to gasoline and petroleum diesel. Ethanol production contributed \$53.3 billion to the Nation's gross domestic product and created over 200,000 jobs in all sectors of the economy. The state of Illinois produces over 1.5 billion gallons of ethanol annually and is ranked third in ethanol production with 14 facilities. Just as ethanol has been a valuable tool for the state of Illinois, I strongly believe support for this renewable energy source can be a great benefit to the Nation.

Our current energy economy is not sustainable. It is imperative we restructure our energy infrastructure in a sustainable manner while simultaneously reducing our green house gas emissions. Investing in ethanol and other renewable energy sources are an important piece of our Nation's economic and energy future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 448, I was not present due to my flight being delayed. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING THE TWENTIETH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE ENACTMENT
OF THE AMERICANS WITH DIS-
ABILITIES ACT

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues

in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the twentieth anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law on July 26, 1990. Twenty years ago, I proudly supported the passage of this landmark legislation in the House of Representatives along with 376 of my colleagues.

The Americans with Disabilities Act is often described as the most sweeping non-discrimination legislation since the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The Act's purpose is to "provide a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities." It prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, public services, and public accommodations to enable millions of disabled Americans to fully function in society.

As a result of this Act, employers are no longer allowed to single out disabled individuals in hiring, firing or advancement practices. State and local governments must now follow specific design standards when constructing or altering new buildings to accommodate individuals restricted to wheelchairs, and restaurants and retail stores are required to make reasonable accommodations for disabled individuals. The Act also requires that telecommunication services be provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week for individuals with hearing or speech impairments.

Twenty years after its inception, Americans across the country continue to benefit from this legislation. Many of the everyday services and accommodations we now take for granted are a direct result of this ground-breaking law.

For example, mass transit systems are now equipped with voice messages to help the visually impaired independently navigate their daily routines, and new stadiums feature accessible seating for those in wheelchairs and their guests.

The Americans with Disabilities Act's footprint can be strongly felt throughout my district in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Whether it is access to handicapped parking spaces at the Steamtown Mall, or sidewalk ramps around the public square in Wilkes-Barre, my constituents continue to benefit everyday from this legislation.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the twentieth anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act. It is my sincere hope that in the coming years we continue to remove barriers that prevent our fellow citizens from fully functioning in society.

CONGRATULATING THE PHOENIX MERCURY

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Phoenix Mercury for their championship victory during the 2009 Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) Finals.

On October 9, 2009, the Phoenix Mercury defeated the Indiana Fever in a best-of-five series. The Phoenix Mercury has won the